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Gov. Beshear announces Transportation Enhancement funding for Pennyriple area communities

Projects will enhance quality of life in four area counties

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Gov. Steve Beshear today announced more than \$865,000 in funding for Transportation Enhancement projects in Christian, Hopkins, McLean and Union counties.

“I am committed to making investments all across Kentucky that enhance the quality of life at the local level,” said Gov. Beshear. “The projects we are announcing today will yield a variety of positive results, from promoting healthier lifestyles, to bolstering community pride, to having a positive impact on the local economy.”

The projects include:

- **City of Hopkinsville** – \$688,600 for Access Hopkinsville/Transportation Museum. The two-part project provides a streetscape that will include sidewalks, lighting and the establishment of landscaped medians. Signage will also be introduced welcoming and directing visitors to historic sites. The project will create a new entry way into downtown Hopkinsville, utilizing one of the oldest and widest streets in the city.

The second priority of the project will be the completion of the Transportation Museum in the old fire station on Ninth Street. The museum owns two historic fire trucks used by the city many years ago, along with a 1909 Buick, the first locally owned automobile in Hopkinsville.

- **Hopkins County Fiscal Court** – \$17,000 for L&N Depot restoration. The L&N Depot in Madisonville is the home of The Center for Cultural and Professional Development, a non-profit foundation which provides services to teachers and administrators from more than 20 western Kentucky school districts. It also serves as a site for local artists to teach art classes to youth and adults. The building is also available as a monthly meeting site for various community organizations. The building was

constructed in 1929 and was finished just a month prior to the stock market crash of 1929. The building is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. TE funds will be used to address structural problems and update the building's wiring and plumbing.

- **City of Hanson** – \$80,000 for a walking and bicycle trail.
The 1.6-mile concrete trail will provide a safe, 5-foot-wide artery linking numerous homes with the most used facilities in Hanson, including Hanson Elementary School. The project will also encourage more active, healthier lifestyles in the community.
- **City of Livermore** – \$24,000 for the US 431 beautification project.
The project will make aesthetic improvements to a one-mile stretch of US 431, the city's primary transportation route. The revitalization of this Green River corridor is expected to have a positive impact on the local economy and tourism industry. The enhancements will include welcome signs constructed with a cultured stone exterior, white vinyl fencing, several flowering trees and shrubs, and creeping bright green ivy.
- **City of Morganfield** – \$55,500 for the Morganfield Walking and Bicycle Trail.
This project will encourage the use of recreational and fitness opportunities by local citizens and will connect the community with the city park, which will also be improved with the inclusion of the trail system in the park. Aesthetic improvements will also be made along the trail.

The TE program offers federal funding for unique and creative approaches that integrate transportation into a community in an environmentally friendly way.

“Through effective use of our TE dollars, we are helping communities throughout the commonwealth do great work that will improve life for their citizens,” said Transportation Secretary Joe Prather. “TE projects are quality programs that promote healthy living, preserve history, underline scenic beauty and improve the environment.”

More information about TE programs is available online at <http://www.tea21.ky.gov>.

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